

Appl. No. : 09/853,080
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REMARKS

The Applicant understands that upon allowance of the elected product claims, the device claims may be rejoined if made dependent on the product claims.

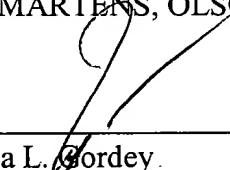
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Please charge any required fees, including any fees for extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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